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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS PFOR PINT ET US
SUBJECT: KAGNEW FOUR

REF: STATE 222338; ADDIS ABABAB 11069

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE GUIDANCE. I ASKED FOR MEETING WITH FONMIN KIFLE SEPT 18 AND CONVEYED TO HIM ALL POINTS CONTAINED PARA 3 STATE REFTEL. KIFLE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR CLARIFICATION AND SAID OUR REPLIES WOULD HELP EPMG IN COORDINATING ITS RESPONSES WITH OURS. I SAID POINTS WERE NOT INTENDED TO BE PUBLICIZED AS TO DO SO MIGHT HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT. I ADDED THAT SO FAR AS I KNEW NO DEMANDS HAD YET BEEN DELIVERED TO ANY USG OFFICIALS.

2. KIFLE WENT ON TO SAY THAT EPMG WOULD CONTINUE TO DO WHAT REASONABLY CAN BE DONE WITH REGARD TO KIDNAPPERS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR SAFETY. EPMG UNDERSTANDS THAT WHEN WE SPEAK OF EPMG RESPONSIBILITY, WHAT WE EXPECT OF THEM IS THAT THEY DO WHAT IS REASONABLE.

3. I PICKED HIM UP ON WORD "REASONABLE" AND SAID WE DID NOT CONSIDER EPMG RESPONSIBILITY AS CONDITIONAL, AND THAT IN OUR VIEW CHIEF RESPONSIBILITY DOES REST WITH EPMG TO DO ALL IT CAN.

4. KIFLE THEN MADE REFERENCE TO RADIO BAGDAD REPORT
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(FIBIS AMMAN 160636Z SEP 75) WHICH LINKED KAGNEW WITH "SPY POSTS"

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TO BE ESTABLISHED IN SINAI, SAYING THIS SEEMED TO HIM TO BE EVIDENCE THAT ELF/PLF WAS BECOMING INVOLVED IN INTRA-ARAB FEUDING. WHEN I TOLD HIM I HAD ALREADY REMARKED ON THIS POINT TO DEPT, HE WONDERED WHETHER BROADCASTS A/O KIDNAPPINGS MIGHT HAVE BEEN PLO-INSPIRED. I SAID I THOUGHT BROADCASTS MIGHT BE (OR BY IRAQI GOVERNMENT), BUT WAS UNABLE TO SPECULATE ON KIDNAPPINGS THEMSELVES. KIFLE WONDERED WHETHER WE MIGHT BE ABLE DEVELOP MORE INFO ON THIS POINT. I TOLD HIM I WOULD ASK DEPARTMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO DEPT MIGHT DEVELOP THAT I MIGHT PASS ON TO KIFLE ON PLO OR BEATHIST LINKS TO EITHER ELF/PLF BROADCASTS EMANATING FROM MIDDLE EAST OR TO KIDNAPPINGS THEMSELVES.
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